

### REMARKS

By way of foregoing amendments, the Claims 1-17 have been amended to delete multiple dependencies, to delete the "characterized in that" claim language and to place the original claims in a form more closely corresponding to standard U.S. practice without narrowing the claim scope. New Claims 18 and 19 are also added. No new matter has been introduced by these changes.

It is requested that the application be examined on the basis of the claims as amended.

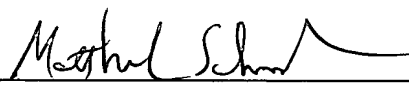
Early and favorable consideration with respect to this application is respectfully requested.

Should any questions arise in connection with this application, the undersigned respectfully requests that he be contacted at the number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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